

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Firelli Alonso-Caplen
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YIELDS USING A MUTANT STRAIN OF RSV
Confirmation No: 7874
Customer Number: 25291

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to both the final Office Action mailed November 13, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed May 13, 2009. Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §41.31. The Notice of Appeal was received by the Office on May 12, 2009 along with a request for a 3-month extension of time and authorization to charge the requisite fees. Instead of filing an Appeal Brief within the 2-month due date of July 12, 2009 from the filing date of the Notice of Appeal, Applicants are now responding to the final Office Action along with a request for a 4-month extension of time and a request for continued examination (RCE). The response is due November 12, 2009 with the 4-month extension of time. In view of the amendments and remarks presented herewith, entry of these amendments and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.